

**Howard County Consumer Protection  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2019**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.**

Present: Ronnie Sanderson, Young Smith, Richard Green, Sandra Price, and Robyn Scates.

Absent: Ellen Kuhn, Marshall McLeod

**Minutes of the December meeting – Approved as read.**

**Quarterly Statistics**

Lila Boor explained the statistics, and answered questions.

**Van Hollen / Frosh Event**

Lila informed the Board that the event has been postponed, and no new date has been given.

**National Consumer Protection Week ideas**

Jackie Scott provided several suggestions.

Robyn Scates made a motion to target Seniors, all present seconded the motion.

Ronnie suggested posting a tip sheet for each day of the week on OCP website. Lila suggested that the Board go on OCP website and choose five fact sheets to post.

Jackie suggested Lila contact the administrator of the Office on Aging and Independence to see if there are any events going on that the Board could participate in.

**Plans for 2019**

Discussion for how the Board plans to use the \$1000 budget by the end of June.

Sandra suggested a pocket/stand for the back of cell phones to use as a giveaway at events. Richard volunteered to look for some and get prices.

Inquires were made about a student loan forum in June. Lila explained that she wasn't sure how it would be this year, it may take place at schools, but not sure about the details.

Ronnie asked Jackie about plans for hiring a new administrator. Jackie said the job will be posted on 1/11/19, and the process should take a couple of months. Ronnie asked about opportunities for volunteering at events. Lila suggested the Val Hollen / Frosh event or the student loan events.

**Announcements / New Business**

Young announced that January 13<sup>th</sup> is Korean/American Day. There will be a short event at the George Howard building on January 11th to meet the new Executive and County Council. LOKA will be hosting a celebration for the Luna New Year along with the Chinese community on January 27, at Riverhill High School. LOKA is also celebrating MLK day with the Office of Human Rights.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The Board agreed to continue to meet monthly. The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 6 at the DCRS office.